

## Biography of Lieutenant General Mark P. Hertling

On 29 September 2009, Lieutenant General Mark Hertling began serving as the Deputy Commanding General TRADOC, Initial Military Training. Prior to this posting, he was the Commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division. During the majority of his time with 1<sup>st</sup> AD, the unit was deployed to Northern Iraq as the nucleus of Task Force Iron.



LTG Hertling has led tank and cavalry platoons assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division in Germany, and has commanded Armor and Infantry companies of the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Ft Polk, Louisiana. He commanded the 1-16th Cavalry Squadron, Ft Knox, Kentucky; 3rd Brigade, 2d Infantry--an Armored Brigade which transformed to be the Army's first Stryker Brigade at Ft Lewis, Washington; the Operations Group at the National Training Center, Ft Irwin, California; and the Joint Multi-National Training Center in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

LTG Hertling has served as a staff officer in various organizations. He was the S-3 Operations for 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment, during Operation Desert Storm; the Armor/Cavalry Branch Chief in Washington, D.C.; the Vice J-7, then the J-7 for War Plans and Joint Training and Exercises on the Joint Staff from 2001-2003; served as Assistant Division Commander-Support of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, Baghdad, Iraq, in 2003-2004; and was the G-3 of U.S. Army Europe from 2005-2007.

Commissioned from the U.S. Military Academy in 1975, LTG Hertling is a graduate of the Air Defense and Infantry Career Course, the Army's Command and General Staff College and School of Advanced Military Studies, where he received a master's in Military Arts and Sciences; and the National War College, where he received a master's in International Relations. He also holds a master's degree in Exercise Physiology from Indiana University, which he gained prior to teaching in the Department of Physical Education at West Point.

LTG Hertling's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal with Valor Device, and the Combat Action Badge. He was also awarded the Gold Cross of Honour of the Bundeswehr from the German Minister of Defense.

LTG Hertling is married to his best friend, Sue. They have two sons, Todd and Scott, and a daughter-in-law, Lauren, who are active duty Soldiers. Their other daughter-in-law, Karen, is a teacher and the mother of their grandson, Ryan.